

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration of this application, as amended. Claims 13 and 15-30 are pending.

In accordance with the Examiner's understanding, the objected to claims have been amended to depend from independent Claim 13. Furthermore, Claim 13 has been amended to recite starting or stopping one or more of the listener modules based on the binary configuration file. Support for this amendment can at least be found on page 5 of the specification. Based on this amendment, Applicants believe Claim 13 satisfies all the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112. Additionally, the claims have been generally amended to remove artifacts of European practice and to place the application in better U.S. form.

Independent Claim 13 recites an automated process where at least one listener module of any machine is managed from another machine, wherein the managing is capable of starting or stopping one or more of the listener modules based on the binary configuration file and activating the one or more listener modules.

It is apparent that neither the admitted prior art nor Boukobza teach or suggest this feature. At least based on this distinction, Claim 13, and the claims that depend therefrom, are not anticipated nor rendered obvious by the references of record. However, should the Examiner be of the opinion that the above amendments do not place the application in condition for allowance, Applicants respectfully request the examiner to contact Applicants' undersigned representative to schedule a Personal Interview.

An early and favorable Notice of Allowance is respectfully solicited.

Should the Examiner believe anything further is desirable in order to place the application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

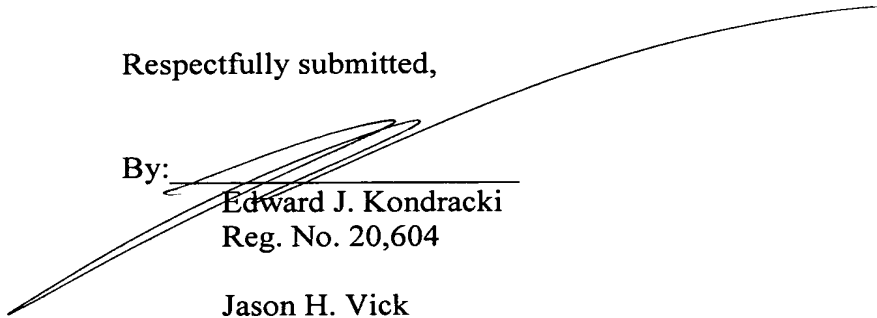
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to deposit account number 50-1165 (Docket No. T2147-906206) and fees not included herein, under 37 CFR §§ 1.16 and 1.17, that may be required by this paper and to credit any overpayment to that Account. A duplicate copy of this page is included for such purpose. If any additional extension of time is required in connection with the filing of this paper and has not been separately requested, such extension is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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